Paul F. Borchert

Paul F. Borchert, 81, of Altoona, formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 2, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Altoona with burial following at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Lacona. Memorials may be made either to Christ the King Lutheran Church or to his family.

He was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Lacona to Fred and Florence Borchert. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was married on March 25, 1951, in Lacona to Thelma Vader Ecken. He was employed at GTE in Grinnell from 1953 to 1989 after which he worked for INS from 1990 to 1997.

He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. He enjoyed playing cards, golf and hiking. He also played league softball until he was 65 years of age.

He is survived by his children Ronald Borchert, Jeffrey Borchert, Sharon Smalley, Kevin Borchert and Bryan Borchert; ten grandchildren, and brothers and sisters, Leland, Marvin, Gloria, Grace, Edgar, Ilene, Larry and Joan. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Thelma; one granddaughter, Christine Smalley and siblings Myrtle, Leora, Audrey, Glen and Henry.